

# Porter Race Meets Eastern Champions Western High

## Is Cobb Worth \$15,000? Batting Marks Say Yes

Georgia Peach for Sixth Successive Season Leads League in Hitting—Yale's New Stadium. Other Sport Comment.

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LANCER at the American League batting averages made public last Monday, and then answer the question, "Is Ty Cobb worth \$15,000 a year to a baseball club?" Cobb has not signed his 1913 contract as yet; in fact, it is doubtful if he has even talked terms with the Detroit management.

At the recent world's series, Cobb was asked, "Are you going to join the 'hold-out' class in case the Detroit club refuses to give you \$15,000 a year?" And he replied: "I am in no hurry to sign up. There has never been the slightest trouble in previous years, and I don't think there will be any next season."

Although Cobb himself refused to state that he would demand a \$15,000 contract, it has been said on reliable authority that these figures represented the price he believes his services are worth.

### Always a 300 Hitter.

Only once during his eight years as a Detroit Tiger has Cobb batted as low as .300. This was in 1905, the year he joined the club.

In speaking of Cobb's prowess, the Detroit News says in part: "For the last three years Ty has an average of .400. In each of these years he received a salary of \$10,000. If Frank J. Navin had been paying Cobb \$5,000 a year for his batting alone, every point in the Georgia's average would have cost the president of the Detroit club a fraction over \$22.22."

The official American League averages, just made public, show that Cobb for the sixth successive season led the American circuit in hitting with a mark of .410 in 141 games. Ty came to bat 523 times, cracked out 217 hits, including seven home runs, twenty-three triples, thirty doubles and 157 singles, besides stealing sixty-one bases.

Is Ty Cobb worth a \$15,000 salary in 1913? Ask yourself the question. The batting averages annexed by the peach would seem to say yes.

### Yale's New Stadium.

Can you imagine 100,000 fans howling, cheering, and rooting for their favorite football eleven or baseball nine? Well, as soon as the new Yale stadium at New Haven has been finished the aforementioned number of persons will be able to crowd into the amphitheater. It will be the largest stadium in America and unique in many respects. Similar to a motorcycle track, the expected home grounds of Old Eli's athletes will be bowl-shaped, sixty feet deep, and 60,000 persons will be comfortably seated, while it will be able to accommodate more than 100,000. A report from New Haven has it that \$200,000 will be spent to erect the big stadium, and the expenditures for improvements of the Yale field athletic equipment will bring the total expense up around the \$250,000 mark.

### Athletics Are Winning.

Connie Mack's White Elephants, the team which finished behind Washington in the American League race this season, are at present kicking up a lot of dust down in Cuba. For the first time in several years the Cubans have the novelty of seeing their favorite ball club go down in defeat before the Athletics. The Cubans have always disputed their claim made by the Americans, that of "World's Champions," and rightly so too, for the dark-skinned players have usually succeeded in walloping the Yankees whenever our team appeared on the island.

Up to date the Athletics have played five games and won them all, the majority by overwhelming scores. There will probably be no further walls of protest from the Cubans on the subject of "World's Champions."

### Betting on the Virginia Game.

Up to the present time few wagers have been laid on the outcome of the Georgetown-Virginia game, Washington's gridiron classic, scheduled for Saturday on the Hilltop field.

It appears to be the consensus of opinion that Georgetown has the better team, and barring accidents or flukes will win decisively.

A few loyal Virginia alumni in the Capital are betting even money that Georgetown will not score more than two touchdowns.

Not until the undergraduates from the Charlottesville University return the Capital Friday night and Saturday morning, will there be any real betting, and the chances are then that Virginia will ask for 2 to 1 odds.

### Football in the West.

In Western conference football, where the Western intercollegiate championship is involved, the situation is already clearly defined. At this week Saturday afternoon, out at Minneapolis, the winner will be determined when the universities of Minnesota and of Wisconsin meet in their big game. Both the Gophers and the Badgers have cleaned up all opponents. Minnesota, as almost every follower of college football knows is coached by Dr. Williams, than whom there is no more brainier man in football.

The Badgers, on the other hand, are being tutored by one Juseus, inexperienced in conference coaching, and little identified with minor college eleven. The chances are rather in Minnesota's favor.

We may now expect to hear the annual cry from out of the West about the relative merits of Eastern and Western college football. The Westerners would be traitors to the Western Conference were they to admit that the rank and file of Eastern college eleven has anything upon the best in the West and Woolly. It is a waste of time, pure and simple, to talk about the possibilities, much less the probabilities, of this year or next, or any time in the immediate future for that matter, of a big East vs. West game at the close of the sectional seasons.

There are many reasons why such a contest is impracticable and certainly improbable. One is that all the big varsity outfits play about all the football they care to. But another, and a more potent reason, is that there is a Western Conference rule that no Western college eleven coming from the ranks of the Western Conference, or so-called "Big Nine" members, that none of its teams shall, at any time during the season, play with any eleven outside of the conference fold. That is why Chicago was forced to abandon its annual game with Cornell, and why Michigan has no chance to play the other big State universities and natural rivals in its own part of the country.

## Official American League Fielding Averages 1912

Compiled by Irwin M. Howe, American League Statistician

### Club Fielding

CLUB.	Pct.	DP	FP	TP	PO	A	E
Philadelphia	.364	119	17	0	4,098	1,992	276
Boston	.357	98	20	0	4,086	1,862	259
Chicago	.350	90	21	1	4,230	2,014	296
WASHINGTON	.344	90	22	0	4,124	2,015	299
Cleveland	.340	130	23	0	4,055	1,919	243
Detroit	.339	94	24	1	4,101	1,984	242
St. Louis	.347	126	15	0	4,052	1,984	238
New York	.333	81	27	0	3,994	1,909	295

### FIRST BASE.

PLAYER.	CLUB.	Games	Pct.	A	E	Pct.
Barton, Chicago		21	.312	16	1	.297
Collins, Chicago		45	.455	25	4	.282
Johnson, Boston		123	.380	101	3	.281
Gandil, WASHINGTON		117	.196	68	12	.280
Bradley, Boston		40	.254	23	4	.280
Fourier, Chicago		12	.167	10	2	.278
Moriarty, Detroit		72	.600	27	11	.267
Griggs, Cleveland		89	.601	42	10	.266
Galton, Detroit		11	.545	22	5	.266
Kutina, St. Louis		51	.609	24	8	.265
McInnes, Philadelphia		152	.123	109	27	.264
Lajoie, Cleveland		59	.171	12	3	.264
Stovall, St. Louis		115	.845	69	16	.263
Schaefer, WASHINGTON		15	.125	7	2	.263
Sherrett, New York		16	.125	7	2	.263
Stahl, Boston		96	.603	49	15	.260
Chase, New York		123	.1162	79	27	.259
Zelder, Chicago		95	.205	34	5	.259
Engle, Boston		35	.205	34	5	.259
Flynn, WASHINGTON		39	.178	15	2	.254
O'Dowd, Detroit		25	.178	15	2	.254

### SECOND BASE.

Bath, Chicago	153	.353	80	31	.302
Lajoie, Cleveland	57	.341	28	9	.299
Louder, Detroit	89	.284	28	25	.292
Citt, Detroit	15	.287	4	1	.242
Simmons, New York	80	.162	207	33	.246
Frazer, St. Louis	121	.273	226	24	.245
Yerkes, Boston	124	.267	228	34	.243
Laporte, WASHINGTON and St. Louis	87	.143	210	22	.241
Jordan, WASHINGTON	78	.156	112	21	.239
Ball, Boston and Cleveland	138	.115	203	34	.238
Schaefer, WASHINGTON	16	.30	24	4	.301
Delahanty, Detroit	45	.30	117	14	.300
Night, WASHINGTON	138	.115	203	34	.238
Gardner, New York	42	.32	107	17	.322
Engle, Boston	15	.27	27	5	.312

### SHORT STOPS.

Johnson, Chicago	18	.23	27	1	.284
McMillan, New York	41	.24	109	10	.242
Wallace, St. Louis	97	.185	271	29	.242
Briggs, WASHINGTON	147	.247	347	66	.239
Bush, Detroit	144	.247	347	66	.239
Barry, Philadelphia	139	.228	425	102	.225
Kitching, Cleveland	144	.247	347	66	.239
Wagner, Boston	144	.247	347	66	.239
Olson, Cleveland	56	.118	100	27	.217
Weaver, Chicago	147	.242	425	71	.217
Chapman, Cleveland	144	.247	347	66	.239
Martin, New York	69	.127	217	23	.209
Pratt, St. Louis	124	.247	347	66	.239
Smith, New York	124	.247	347	66	.239
Herrick, Philadelphia	21	.27	47	17	.304
Hallinan, St. Louis	27	.27	47	17	.304
Daly, St. Louis	17	.27	47	17	.304

### THIRD BASE.

Vill, Detroit	24	.30	55	3	.266
Turner, Cleveland	108	.129	199	17	.241
Olson, Cleveland	147	.242	347	66	.239
Deal, Detroit	41	.46	112	29	.242
Baker, Philadelphia	140	.217	201	24	.241
Zelder, Chicago	120	.217	201	24	.241
Moriarty, Detroit	72	.42	79	8	.323
Gardner, Boston	142	.182	236	25	.239
Corrigan, Detroit	124	.247	347	66	.239
Costa, WASHINGTON	154	.168	246	43	.239
Austin, St. Louis	140	.219	252	36	.239
Hartzell, New York	96	.242	349	39	.239
McKee, New York	124	.247	347	66	.239
Lord, Chicago	196	.127	172	35	.235
Paddock, New York	124	.247	347	66	.239
Louder, Detroit	89	.284	28	14	.239
Dolan, New York	11	.23	23	12	.208

### OUTFIELDERS.

Jantzen, St. Louis	31	.53	4	0	1,000
Hendry, Cleveland	42	.53	4	0	1,000
McClary, Cleveland	42	.53	4	0	1,000
Hunter, Cleveland	21	.53	4	0	1,000
Strunk, Philadelphia	149	.109	16	3	.244
Crawford, Detroit	98	.154	8	3	.242
Mattick, Chicago	98	.154	8	3	.242
O'Driscoll, Philadelphia	102	.154	8	3	.242
Hogan, St. Louis	98	.154	8	3	.242
Bierret, New York	28	.66	2	1	.242
Bodie, Chicago	127	.154	8	3	.242
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Hooper, Boston	147	.229	22	9	.244
Jones, Detroit	50	.141	12	2	.242
Levitt, New York	124	.247	347	66	.239
Ryan, Cleveland	93	.167	11	7	.242
Shanks, WASHINGTON	115	.154	14	15	.242
Wagner, Boston	124	.247	347	66	.239
Graney, Cleveland	78	.145	11	7	.242
Lord, Chicago	196	.127	172	35	.235
Wagner, Boston	124	.247	347	66	.239
Cracker, Cleveland	152	.227	30	15	.242
Jerry, New York	50	.123	12	1	.242
Lowell, Boston	124	.247	347	66	.239
E. Murphy, Philadelphia	33	.48	4	3	.247
Danley, New York	21	.70	1	4	.242
Moeller, WASHINGTON	122	.227	30	15	.242
Laid, Philadelphia	96	.144	15	10	.242
Boosten, St. Louis	124	.247	347	66	.239
Cobb, Detroit	180	.261	21	22	.242
Hartzell, New York	96	.242	349	39	.239
Callahan, Philadelphia	72	.108	11	11	.242
Milan, WASHINGTON	154	.168	246	43	.239
Williams, St. Louis	50	.20	4	4	.242
Vitt, Detroit	124	.247	347	66	.239
Veach, Detroit	40	.46	6	4	.242
Maloney, New York	190	.190	9	12	.242
Compton, St. Louis	24	.43	4	4	.242
Butcher, Cleveland	124	.247	347	66	.239
Henrikson, Boston	40	.46	6	4	.242
Laporte, St. Louis and WASHINGTON	19	.14	4	4	.242
Schaefer, WASHINGTON	16	.14	4	4	.242
Zinn, New York	194	.194	9	12	.242
Murphy, Philadelphia	124	.247	347	66	.239
Delahanty, Detroit	45	.30	117	14	.300
Walker, WASHINGTON	42	.53	4	0	.242

### PITCHERS.

Coombs, Philadelphia	54	.16	60	0	1,000
Blair, Philadelphia	34	.16	60	0	1,000
White, Chicago	42	.16	60	0	1,000
Quinn, St. Louis	16	.16	60	0	1,000
Washington, WASHINGTON	16	.16	60	0	1,000
Quinn, New York	16	.16	60	0	1,000
Wood, Boston	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Bodie, Chicago	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Dubue, Detroit	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Kahler, Cleveland	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Johnson, Philadelphia	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Johnson, WASHINGTON	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Engel, WASHINGTON	15	.16	60	0	1,000
Callahan, Boston	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Hall, Boston	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Baskette, Cleveland	19	.16	60	0	1,000
Johnson, Cleveland	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Bender, Philadelphia	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Steen, New York	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Steen, Cleveland	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Peter, Chicago	34	.16	60	0	1,000
O'Brien, Boston	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Willitt, Detroit	34	.16	60	0	1,000
St. Louis	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Cicotte, Chicago	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Lake, Detroit	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Maloney, New York	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Houck, WASHINGTON	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Hamilton, St. Louis	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Mullen, Detroit	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Gregg, Cleveland	34	.16	60	0	1,000
McConnell, New York	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Fisher, New York	34	.16	60	0	1,000
St. Louis	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Alton, St. Louis	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Grooms, WASHINGTON	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Lajoie, Chicago	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Warhop, New York	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Hughes, WASHINGTON	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Works, Detroit	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Bent, Chicago	34	.16	60	0	1,000
Mitchell, Cleveland	34	.16	60	0	1,000

### CATCHERS.

Black, Chicago	42	.29	56	2	.290
Williams, WASHINGTON	24	.24	74	7	.278
Henry, WASHINGTON	17	.27	73	11	.271
Wilmington, Cleveland	19	.23	78	2	.278
Sullivan, Chicago	20	.147	82	12	.271
Numama, Chicago	18	.20	79	11	.267
Basma, Philadelphia	16	.20	78	3	.271
Curigan, Boston	17	.17	83	16	.259
Alexander, St. Louis	23	.23	76	15	.260
Smith, Chicago	23	.218	104	15	.260
O'Neill, Cleveland	18	.206	104	17	.261
Easterly, Chicago	15	.16	89	17	.259
Richlin, St. Louis	15	.16	89	14	.260
Lapp, Philadelphia	16	.20	76	20	.258
Amineth, WASHINGTON	10	.20	80	10	.260
McCred, New York	20	.141	83	8	.265
Egan, Philadelphia	15	.17	73	11	.261
Swaney, New York	17	.27	73	11	.261
Wright, St. Louis	17	.27	73	13	.264
Carich, Cleveland	24	.100	80	17	.248
J. Onofri, Detroit	27	.25	82	17	.247
Adams, Cleveland	20	.25	78	7	.247
Starnage, Detroit	119	.440	108	22	.341
Williams, New York	119	.440	108	22	.341
Schick, Chicago	119	.440	108	22	.341
Kocher, Detroit	22	.115	40	14	.307
	22	.115	40	14	.304